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NOTIFICATION

No. D. 29013/1/92-EDN(AC), the 29th July, 1999. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 of the Mizoram Publication Board Act, 1993 (Mizoram Act No. 7 of 1993), the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following Rules, namely:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) These Rules may be called the Mizoram Publication Board Rules, 1999.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of Publication in the Mizoram Gazette.

Definition.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

(a) "Act" means the Mizoram Publication Board Act, 1993.

(b) "Board" means the Mizoram Publication Board constituted under section 4 of the Act;

(c) "Government" means the State Government of Mizoram.

(d) "Section" means section of the Act;

(e) "Writer" means writer of the book or booklet;

(f) "Year" means the financial year.

Acquisition and possession of land and building.

3. (1) Acquisition of any vacant land or any land alongwith any building constructed upon it shall be taken up with the concerned authotrities of the Government department in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (Central Act No. 1 of 1894) as amended from time to time or any Rules made thereunder.

(2) The Board may purchase any land alongwith the building or any other fixture or upon it or without such building or permanent assets or any other fixtures upon it in the opinion of the Board, such purchase of land or building constructed upon the land for the purpose of its office or for the stores or godown or for the extension of its establishment in any manner.

(3) The Board may also take possession of any land or building on lease by entering into a lease-agreement for it with the owner of the land or building, as the case may be, on payment of rent on a monthly basis or on an annual basis for the purposes mentioned in sub-rule (2). The form of leasedeed for the purpose of this sub-rule shall be as set out in the Appendix-I.

(4) The Board shall maintain proper records of all such lands acquired, purchased or otherwise possessed by it showing the area of each plot of land alongwith its boundaries and the market value of the land, amount of annual revenue of the land and the Amount of annual revenue on the building, type and areas of the building or permanent assets affixed upon it and the name and addresses of the owner of the building with whom the lease-deed is made and the period of lease-deed, if any, in the General Register of land and Building Records. Such records shall be maintained and kept upto date.

(5) Boundaries of the land of the Board vested under these Rules shall be marked properly with concreted posts with barbed wire fencing or by such other means as may be deemed necessary by the Board.

4. The Board shall prepare its annual performance statement and submit it to the Controlling Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Act at the end of each year.

Discipline relating to the Officers and other servants of the Board.

5. The Central Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, the Central Civil Services (Temporary Service) Rules, 1965 and the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 shall be applied, mutatis, mutandis to the officers and servants of the Board.

Travelling Allowances, Daily Allowances, and Sitting Allowances.

6. (1) The Travelling Allowance Rules applicable to the employees of the Govt. shall be applied to all the officers and employees of the Board.

(2) A Non-Official member of the Board shall be entitled to receive sitting allowance on each day of sitting of the Com-

mittee or sub-committee or meetting of the Board at the rate equivalent to the daily allowance of a Group 'A' Officer of the Government while on tour within the State.

(3) The entitlement of various other members of the Board and the rates of daily allowances during journey on Official duty as on the day of halt in course of the journey on official duty shall be as that of Group 'A' Officer of the State Government.

Forms of Budget Estimates.

7. The form for preparation of the budget estimates and revised budget estimates of the Board for the current year and the budget estimates for the next year shall be as set out in the Appendix–III to these Rules.

Delegation of Financial Powers.

8. The Central Government's Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978 as amended and as adapted by the Government shall be followed by the Board for such purposes as contemplated in the said Rules.

General Financial Rules.

9. The Central Government's General Financial Rules 1963 shall be followed in respect of the management of finance and account and for the operation of the funds of the Board.

Receipts and Payment.

10. The Central Government Accounts (Receipts and Payment) Rules, 1983 shall be followed in all the receipts and payment made to and from the office of the Board.

The Contributory Provident Fund.

11. The employees of the Board may be allowed to subscribe the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme under the Central Government Contributory Provident Fund Rules, 1962.

Financial Assistance to Writers.

12. (1) On receipt of application for financial assistance in a prescribed form under the Rule 16 from needy writers, the Board may consider sanction of financial assistance to such writers to encourage writing or publishing books.

(2) The Board shall ordinarily take up publication of books at the printing presses owned by it or by handing over the printing works to any of the printing presses or firms recognised by it in accordance with the provisions of rule 16 as it may select for the purpose, when it sanctions financial assistance to writer.

(3) The Board shall examine or edit the manuscript thoroughly whether it takes up publication of such books or not before any sanction of financial assistance to such writer and shall have the right to reject the application if in its opinion publication of such books or booklets may cause harm to the readers after recording in writing the reasons for such rejection.

(4) All beneficiaries of the financial assistance of the Board shall have to imprint the words "FINANCE BY THE MIZORAM PUBLICATION BOARD" on back cover page of the book.

Copy right of Book.

13. The copy right of all editions of the book will be vested with the Author. This provision shall be subject to revision after ten years or such earlier time as may be required by the Government under special circumstance as deemed fit by the Government.

Enlisting of Printing Presses or firms for printing of books to be published by the Board.

14. (1) The Board may enlist as many printing presses or firms, as it may deem sufficient, for printing of books to be published by it, after veryfying the quality of the printed material and workmanship in such printing press or firm, locality and size as the case may be, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Board under sub-rule (2).

(2) The Board shall devise its own procedure for verification of the quality etc. of the printing press or firm for the purpose of selection of such printing press or firm, as the case may be.

Application for financial assistance.

15. (1) Any writer or person interested in writing a book may apply to the Board for sanction of financial assistance in a prescribed form in Appendix-IV duly filled up and signed by the concerned applicant alongwith an estimated cost of printing of such book from three or more printing presses or firms recognised by the Board in accordance with the provisions under rule 16.

(2) The prescribed form of application shall be sold at the rate of Rs. 10/- per form.

Cost of Production and the number of books to be published.

16. The cost of production of book shall be determined by the Board taking into account the prevailling local rates or rate approved by the State Government if any. The Board shall also determine the number of books to be published.

Share of the Board and the writer.

17. (a) The Board and the writer shall share the cost of books published with the financial assistance of the Board as set out in the Table below:—

TABLE

Share of the cost by the Board.	Share of the cost by the writer
75%	25%

(b) The Board and the writer shall share the printed books published with the financial assistance of the Board as set out in the Table below:—

Share of the Board	Share of the Writer
20%	80%

Agreement in respect of markets.

18. In order to avoid unfair competition in the sale or disposal of the books published by the Board or such books published by any other publishers with the financial assistance of the Board, the Board and the concerned writer may enter into an agreement in demarcating the markets or areas in which such books shall be sold or distributed by each of them.

Writer to deposite his contribution to the Board.

19. Notwithstanding anything contained in the General Financial Rules, 1963 or in the Central Government Accounts (Reseipt and Payment) Rules, 1983 or in any other financial rules for the time being in force in the State, all such contributions as mentioned in clause (b) of the Table in rule 17 of these rules shall be deposited to the Board before delivery of the books by the writer and if the writer fails to deposite his contribution, it shall be opened for the Board to withhold delivery the share of the writer till such time as the required payment be made by the concerned writer.

Grant-in-Aid to the needy writer.

20. (1) The Board may sanction grant-in-aid to a needy writer of such amount as may be deemed sufficient by the Board for meeting the cost of printing of such book or for meeting any other expenditure relating to the publication of the book.

Provided that the amount of such grant-in-aid shall not exeed three-fourth of the amount required for printing of such book.

(2) All the grant-in aid under sub-rule (1) of rule 20, may be released to the applicant by account payee issuing cheque in favour of the publisher of the book.

Selection of book, etc.

21. (1) The Board shall, in selecting the books to be published, take into consideration the following —

(a) Any creative writings in Mizo;

(b) Any book written in any language which the Board considered useful;

(c) Books containing Mizo Culture and Tradition;

(d) Mizo writings translated into any other Indian language;

(e) Tranlation of books from other languages into Mizo ;

(f) Mizo books already published, at least fifteen years back, if the Board considers reprinting of such books be beneficial to the public.

(2) All other residuary matters governing the grant-in-aid shall be such as may be decided by the Board from time to time.

Submission and Scrutiny of manuscripts.

22. Manuscript should be submitted to the Secretary of Board with 1 1/2 typed space. The said manuscript will be given to the selected expert/experts with the following conditions—

(a) Indicating cleary his/theirs recommendations or otherwise, the expert/experts shall return the books to the Secretary for report and selection in the meeting of the Board.

(b) A renumeration at the rate of Rs. 3/- per typed written page shall be given.

Expert.

23. The Board may appoint subject Exports from time to time to whom, the manuscripts shall be referred to for examination and comments.

By Order of the Governor of Mizoram.

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